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1.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

AT END OF PERIOD.....

	Males	Females	Persons	Mean Population
	000	000	000	000
Financial Years				
1993-94				
1993-94	856.3	846.3	1 702.6	1 689.7
1994-95	871.8	861.6	1 733.4	1 717.9
1995-96 p	887.9	877.9	1 765.7	1 750.0
Calendar years				
1994				
1994	863.1	853.1	1 716.2	1 703.5
1995 p	879.6	869.5	1 749.2	1 733.5
1996 p	896.3	886.4	1 782.7	1 766.1
Quarters				
Sep 95 p	876.2	865.8	1 742.0	..
Dec 95 p	879.6	869.5	1 749.2	..
Mar 96 p	884.2	874.3	1 758.5	..
Jun 96 p	887.9	877.9	1 765.7	..
Sep 96 p	892.0	882.0	1 774.0	..
Dec 96 p	896.3	886.4	1 782.7	..

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 31 December 1996 was 1,782,700, an increase of 8,700 in the December quarter and 33,500 in the calendar year. The growth rate during the calendar year 1996 was 1.92 % and showed no change from 1995.

1.2

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

	Natural Increase	Net estimated overseas migration(a)	Net estimated interstate migration	Total increase
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Financial Years				
1993-94	14.3	6.7	3.7	24.7
1994-95	14.7	10.5	4.9	30.1
1995-96 p	14.2	13.5	3.8	31.6
Calendar years				
1994	14.5	8.0	4.5	26.9
1995 p	14.6	13.2	4.3	32.0
1996 p	13.8	14.0	5.6	33.3
Quarters				
Sep 95 p	3.4	3.9	1.1	8.3
Dec 95 p	3.5	3.1	0.2	6.9
Mar 96 p	3.7	4.4	1.1	9.1
Jun 96 p	3.7	2.2	1.4	7.2
Sep 96 p	3.1	3.9	1.3	8.3
Dec 96 p	3.4	3.5	1.8	8.7

(a) Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'

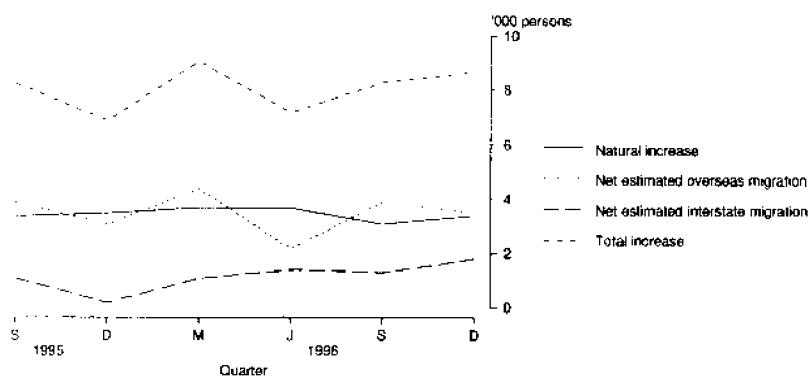
Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.2

In the December quarter 1996 the population increased by 8,700 compared with an increase of 8,300 in the previous quarter.

For the calendar year 1996 the increase of 33,300 was 4% higher than the increase in the previous year. In 1996 the natural increase was less than in the previous two years, but both the net estimated overseas and interstate migration were higher.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE. WESTERN AUSTRALIA



1.3

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births	Infant Deaths	Total Deaths	Marriages	Divorces
Financial Years					
1993-94	25 309	148	10 522	10 316	4 934
1994-95	25 022	137	10 261	10 381	4 930
1995-96 p	24 872	141	10 669	10 019	5 195
Calendar years					
1994	25 124	137	10 295	10 366	5 024
1995	25 122	128	10 361	10 404	5 040
1996 p	24 766	156	11 011	10 135	4 959
Quarters					
Jun 95	6 348	32	2 598	2 367	1 158
Sep 95	6 311	30	2 917	1 524	1 332
Dec 95	6 046	28	2 532	3 266	1 469
Mar 96 p	6 233	54	2 588	2 935	1 231
Jun 96 p	6 282	29	2 632	2 294	1 163
Sep 96 p	6 192	37	3 092	1 458	1 294
Dec 96 p	6 059	36	2 699	3 448	1 271

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.3

The number of marriages rose by 1,990 or 136% in December quarter 1996 from the previous quarter. This compares with a rise of 1,742 marriages or 114% for the same quarters a year ago.

The number of total deaths dropped by 393 from September quarter 1996, a fall of 13%. Births and divorces both fell by 2% from the previous quarter. Compared to December quarter 1995, the number of deaths increased by 167 or 7%, marriages by 182 or 6% and births by 13 or less than 1%. The number of divorces fell by 198 or 13%.

Preliminary data for 1996 shows a drop of 356 livebirths or 1% from calendar year 1995. The number of divorces fell slightly by 81 and marriages dropped by 269 or 3%. Total deaths rose by 650 or 6% and infant deaths increased by 28 or 22%.

1.4

RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births(a)	Infant Deaths(b)	Total Deaths(a)	Marriages(a)	Divorces(a)
Financial Years					
1993-94	15.0	5.8	6.2	6.1	2.9
1994-95	14.6	5.5	6.0	6.0	2.9
1995-96 p	14.2	5.7	6.1	5.7	3.0
Calendar years					
1994	14.7	5.5	6.0	6.1	2.9
1995	14.5	5.1	6.0	6.0	2.9
1996 p	14.0	6.3	6.2	5.7	2.8
Quarters					
Jun 95	14.7	5.0	6.0	5.5	2.7
Sep 95	14.6	4.8	6.7	3.5	3.1
Dec 95	13.9	4.6	5.8	7.5	3.4
Mar 96 p	14.2	8.7	5.9	6.7	2.8
Jun 96 p	14.3	4.6	6.0	5.2	2.6
Sep 96 p	14.0	6.0	7.0	3.3	2.9
Dec 96 p	13.6	5.9	6.1	7.8	2.9

(a) For financial and calendar years the rate is per 1'000 mean resident population.

For quarters, the mean is the average of the previous and current quarterly population.

(b) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.4

The rate for marriages in December quarter 1996 was more than double the rate for the previous quarter, reflecting the large rise in the number of marriages.

Preliminary rates for 1996 calendar year show falls for livebirths, marriages and divorces compared to calendar year 1995 but rises for infant deaths and total deaths.

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2.1

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY MONTH

	SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS.....		LONG-TERM ARRIVALS.....			
	Permanent Arrivals	Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	Total Arrivals
ARRIVALS						
Financial Years						
1993-94	7 740	269 890	297 750	8 900	7 430	591 700
1994-95	10 380	289 250	339 690	9 070	8 470	656 850
1995-96	11 320	308 110	361 180	8 600	10 170	699 380
Months						
Jan 96	1 150	36 460	24 250	840	1 460	65 170
Feb 96	940	20 650	39 640	630	2 530	64 380
Mar 96	900	20 660	31 010	670	560	53 810
Apr 96	850	23 670	32 270	580	660	58 020
May 96	680	20 100	22 550	500	380	44 210
Jun 96	860	25 530	26 720	630	500	54 250
Jul 96	910	31 490	28 780	670	1 900	63 750
Aug 96	840	28 570	28 950	580	500	59 430
Sep 96	860	31 390	27 540	640	540	60 970
Oct 96	940	38 310	34 460	690	740	75 130
Nov 96	1 000	25 040	37 270	930	480	64 730
Dec 96	990	18 980	49 430	1 450	490	71 340
Jan 97	900	39 040	29 630	870	1 850	72 290
Feb 97	780	21 440	39 350	620	2 700	64 900
Mar 97	920	24 880	35 670	740	590	62 800
DEPARTURES						
Financial Years						
1993-94	3 430	274 770	29 540	7 340	4 140	580 220
1994-95	3 580	292 270	343 610	7 560	4 710	651 730
1995-96	3 890	305 910	366 340	7 680	5 480	689 300
Months						
Jan 96	410	19 640	37 530	1 010	380	58 970
Feb 96	320	17 840	35 700	730	440	55 030
Mar 96	350	25 730	32 970	750	400	60 200
Apr 96	330	23 540	33 160	670	330	58 030
May 96	370	25 720	27 520	630	270	54 500
Jun 96	200	29 410	31 240	530	560	61 940
Jul 96	340	32 280	25 420	640	560	59 240
Aug 96	270	27 420	29 840	660	390	58 580
Sep 96	260	34 960	25 200	520	370	61 320
Oct 96	250	26 830	28 770	500	330	56 680
Nov 96	320	24 850	32 650	530	590	58 950
Dec 96	310	35 260	42 400	730	1 180	79 880
Jan 97	370	23 760	41 050	1 120	500	66 800
Feb 97	280	20 340	36 760	710	410	58 500
Mar 97	320	27 960	32 850	730	410	62 270

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

2.2

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES(a)

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Singapore	Total(b)
Financial Years						
1993-94	25 150	57 480	27 840	27 530	50 700	297 750
1994-95	24 330	61 070	44 240	28 980	59 600	339 690
1995-96	24 200	59 220	49 260	30 120	64 690	361 180
Months						
Jan 96	1 700	5 760	2 920	2 670	2 400	24 250
Feb 96	1 760	6 440	8 150	3 190	6 460	39 640
Mar 96	2 280	6 010	3 320	2 900	4 760	31 010
Apr 96	2 260	5 990	3 360	2 460	5 760	32 270
May 96	1 630	2 160	2 610	1 320	5 270	22 550
Jun 96	1 660	2 610	4 950	1 290	6 970	26 720
Jul 96	3 000	2 610	5 190	3 430	3 310	28 780
Aug 96	2 100	3 480	3 670	3 720	4 800	28 950
Sep 96	2 430	4 860	2 500	3 220	3 550	27 540
Oct 96	2 740	5 470	4 250	2 430	4 690	34 460
Nov 96	1 680	9 350	3 120	2 170	7 850	37 270
Dec 96	2 400	10 090	6 840	3 990	7 630	49 430
Jan 97	1 940	7 200	3 400	3 220	2 500	29 630
Feb 97	1 410	6 440	7 930	3 040	5 060	39 350
Mar 97	2 080	8 420	3 400	3 500	5 200	35 670

(a) Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

(b) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.1

Total arrivals in March 1997 were 3% lower than in the previous month but were 17% higher than in March 1996.

The number of Australian residents returning from short-term visits overseas rose by 16% from the previous month to 24,880 persons. This was 20% higher than in March 1996. The number of overseas visitors arriving in Western Australia for short-term visits declined by 9% from February 1997 but was up by 15% on a year ago.

The number of residents returning to Western Australia in March 1997 after a long-term stay overseas rose by 19% from the previous month and by 10% on March 1996. Long-term overseas visitors dropped by 78% on February 1997, repeating the fall of 78% 12 months ago.

Total departures in March 1997 rose by 6% from the previous month and were 3% higher than in March 1996.

The number of short-term departures of Australian residents increased by 37% on February 1997 and by 9% on March 1996. Short-term departures of overseas visitors fell by 11% from February 1997. The number of long-term departures of overseas visitors was unchanged whilst long-term departures of Australian residents rose by 3% on February 1997.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.2

Total short-term overseas visitor arrivals fell by 9% on February 1997. The total of 35,670 arrivals in March month 1997 was 15% higher than in March 1996.

The number of visitors from Indonesia fell by 4,530 persons or 57% on February 1997, repeating a similar fall of 59% a year ago. There was a rise in short-term arrivals from Japan of 15% on February 1997 and 21% on March 1996. Short-term overseas visitor arrivals from New Zealand were up by 48%, the United Kingdom and Ireland by 31% and Singapore by 3% compared to February 1997.

2.3

SHORT TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS BY AIR, PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total(a)
Financial Years									
1993-94	9 160	22 260	20 850	24 460	19 180	39 370	7 950	2 910	180 850
1994-95	7 720	19 290	33 350	24 640	19 200	45 100	7 180	2 760	193 880
1995-96	6 800	19 010	35 610	23 840	20 800	47 520	8 770	3 250	200 560
Months									
Jan 96	320	2 120	1 740	2 240	510	1 270	430	280	11 620
Feb 96	640	1 990	6 400	2 390	2 840	4 320	460	140	23 030
Mar 96	670	1 930	2 520	2 650	1 490	3 520	870	590	17 510
Apr 96	540	1 660	2 050	1 750	2 410	4 330	1 620	170	17 140
May 96	230	810	1 960	1 000	2 760	4 150	790	320	13 580
Jun 96	580	500	3 850	780	2 240	5 640	610	250	16 240
Jul 96	470	1 140	3 200	2 900	1 440	1 480	590	190	14 280
Aug 96	580	870	2 220	3 300	2 790	3 650	980	100	17 310
Sep 96	1 150	1 650	1 360	2 490	1 670	2 510	550	190	14 360
Oct 96	550	1 680	2 800	1 810	2 280	3 410	1 610	200	18 580
Nov 96	370	2 790	2 150	1 680	2 010	6 510	580	160	20 580
Dec 96	610	3 690	5 710	3 380	2 420	5 840	1 330	400	29 830
Jan 97	420	2 930	1 290	2 520	570	960	500	280	13 050
Feb 97	350	2 610	5 600	2 750	2 690	3 110	730	190	22 380
Mar 97	570	3 110	2 260	2 770	1 110	3 820	960	200	19 150

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTR0031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.3

The number of short-term overseas visitor arrivals for holidays in Western Australia in March 1997 fell by 14% on February 1997. However, the total of 19,150 visitors was 9% higher than March 1996.

March 1997 saw a fall of 3,340 holidaymakers or 60% from Indonesia on February 1997. Arrivals from Malaysia fell by 1,580 persons or 59% whilst arrivals from Singapore rose by 710 persons or 23%. Holidaymakers from the United Kingdom and Ireland rose by 19% on February 1997.

Compared to March 1996, holidaymakers from the United Kingdom and Ireland were up by 61%, Thailand by 10%, Singapore by 9% and Japan by 5%. Holidaymakers from the United States fell by 66%, Malaysia by 26%, New Zealand by 15% and Indonesia by 10%.

2.4

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS(a)

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Total(a)
Financial Years						
1993-94	22 020	38 580	64 720	23 420	24 170	274 770
1994-95	25 750	40 850	68 420	23 070	25 840	292 270
1995-96	25 100	44 070	68 860	22 780	29 430	305 910
Months						
Jan 96	2 140	1 400	4 630	1 480	2 740	19 640
Feb 96	2 290	1 680	3 720	1 040	1 990	17 840
Mar 96	2 500	4 110	6 230	1 740	3 080	25 730
Apr 96	1 820	3 330	5 360	1 460	1 770	23 540
May 96	960	5 650	4 420	1 520	1 360	25 720
Jun 96	1 100	5 770	7 610	2 030	2 090	29 410
Jul 96	1 850	5 830	7 790	2 090	2 400	32 280
Aug 96	1 900	3 760	8 100	1 510	1 950	27 420
Sep 96	2 680	4 920	9 390	2 860	2 470	34 960
Oct 96	2 150	3 090	8 990	1 890	1 890	26 830
Nov 96	1 830	2 740	7 590	1 840	1 820	24 850
Dec 96	4 790	4 990	7 230	2 960	2 690	35 260
Jan 97	2 770	2 240	6 510	1 650	2 020	23 760
Feb 97	1 910	2 170	4 870	1 930	2 380	20 340
Mar 97	2 210	3 290	7 630	1 740	2 960	27 960

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMT0013.

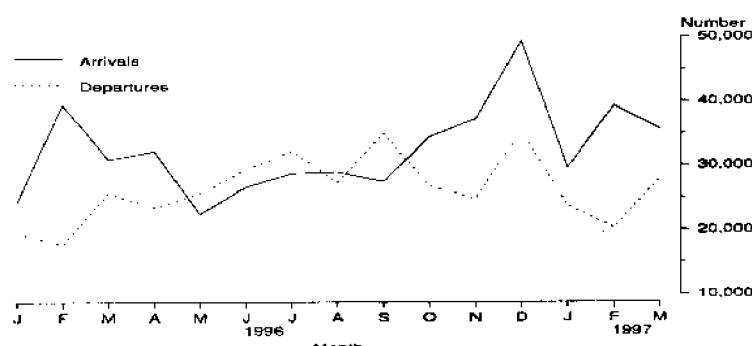
ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.4

There was a rise of 7,620 persons or 37% in short-term departures of Australian residents from Western Australia in March 1997 from the previous month. The total of 27,960 persons was 2,230 persons or 9% higher than March 1996.

Apart from Malaysia, all destinations shown recorded increases on February 1997. Short-term resident departures to Indonesia rose by 2,760 persons or 57%. Short-term departures of residents to the United Kingdom and Ireland rose by 52%, Singapore by 24% and New Zealand by 16%.

Compared to March 1996, short-term departures of Australian residents to Indonesia increased by 22%, but departures to the United Kingdom and Ireland fell by 20% and Singapore by 4%.

SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY MONTH



Source: Unpublished table PMTR0013

2.5

SHORT TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY AIR TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS - HOLIDAY

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total (a)
Financial Years								
1993-94	9 420	15 080	53 670	12 480	12 160	11 690	9 100	150 490
1994-95	11 100	18 430	55 070	11 480	13 220	12 560	9 940	160 730
1995-96	10 120	18 420	53 060	10 430	15 670	12 750	9 650	160 120
Months								
Jan 96	890	750	3 250	520	1 140	530	820	9 660
Feb 96	820	380	2 340	440	810	580	370	7 800
Mar 96	1 070	1 580	4 520	580	1 910	820	760	13 000
Apr 96	840	1 540	3 620	610	950	1 400	640	11 980
May 96	350	2 690	3 310	460	630	710	690	12 330
Jun 96	300	2 440	6 330	890	1 110	1 230	930	16 640
Jul 96	950	3 020	6 680	1 040	1 320	1 080	1 720	19 110
Aug 96	700	2 060	6 710	870	860	860	780	16 080
Sep 96	840	2 190	8 240	1 500	1 020	1 150	1 110	20 830
Oct 96	1 070	1 710	7 330	790	1 340	1 250	460	15 990
Nov 96	640	950	6 100	1 000	1 010	500	450	12 620
Dec 96	1 790	1 970	6 430	1 510	1 420	490	1 260	18 950
Jan 97	1 060	740	5 240	830	900	560	500	11 980
Feb 97	830	580	3 680	620	1 020	650	150	9 260
Mar 97	960	1 250	6 520	650	2 150	1 160	840	16 210

(a) Total includes countries listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTR0031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.5

There were 16,210 short-term departures from Western Australia of Australian residents for holidays abroad in March 1997. This is 6,950 residents or 75% more than departed in February 1997 and 3,210 residents or 25% more than departed in March 1996.

Compared with February 1997, all countries listed recorded increases of departures of holidaymakers on February 1997. Departures to the United States increased by 460%, the United Kingdom and Ireland by 116%, Singapore by 111%, Thailand by 78%, Indonesia by 77%, New Zealand by 16% and Malaysia by 5%.

Indonesia remains Western Australia's favourite holiday destination. Of the total of 16,210 departures in March 1997, 6,520 persons or 40% chose Indonesia as their holiday destination. Compared to March 1996, departures to Indonesia rose by 44% and by 41% to Thailand. Departures to the United Kingdom and Ireland fell by 21% from a year ago.

2.6

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES.....

CARAVAN PARKS.....

	Guest Rooms	Room occupancy rates	Guest arrivals	Number of sites	Site occupancy rates	Guest arrivals
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years(a)						
1993-94	14 754	57	2 154	29 202	39	1 250
1994-95	14 754	60	2 219	29 554	40	1 231
1995-96	15 085	60	2 256	29 952	40	1 299
Months						
Oct 95		63	240		39	112
Nov 95		59	194		35	72
Dec 95	14 924	51	197	30 063	38	105
Jan 96		52	203		45	131
Feb 96		57	179		37	73
Mar 96	14 928	58	198	30 085	37	85
Apr 96		59	187		41	125
May 96		56	171		37	89
Jun 96	15 085	55	167	29 952	40	98
Jul 96		57	193		46	151
Aug 96		61	207		45	164
Sep 96	15 396	68	235	29 990	44	153
Oct 96		67	232		38	116
Nov 96		61	195		36	79
Dec 96	15 996	54	193	30 105	40	111

HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS, HOUSES.....

VISITOR HOSTELS.....

	Guest units	Unit occupancy rates	Unit Lettings	Bed spaces	Bed occupancy Rates	Guest nights
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years(a)						
1993-94	2 224	55	96	3 119	38	416
1994-95	2 419	57	110	2 834	41	431
1995-96	2 687	57	134	3 171	43	478
Months						
Oct 95		66	13		44	41
Nov 95		55	11		42	38
Dec 95	2 581	61	12	3 033	43	40
Jan 96		73	12		47	46
Feb 96		58	11		44	40
Mar 96	2 414	59	13	2 794	45	44
Apr 96		64	12		46	44
May 96		43	10		41	40
Jun 96	2 687	46	10	3 171	41	39
Jul 96		57	11		40	39
Aug 96		48	10		36	36
Sep 96	2 705	60	13	3 172	39	37
Oct 96		63	14		39	38
Nov 96		54	12		41	38
Dec 96	2 797	61	13	3 109	41	39

(a) Number at 30 June

Reference: Tourist Accommodation WA (8635.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact Pam Prince on (08) 9360 5207.

3.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Seasonally Adjusted

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Males					
Jul 96	432.1	481.4	40.7	7.8	76.4
Aug 96	426.1	481.3	43.3	8.3	76.6
Sep 96	426.0	480.4	41.9	8.0	76.1
Oct 96	430.3	484.0	42.8	8.1	76.6
Nov 96	429.9	480.3	41.9	8.0	75.8
Dec 96	428.5	483.7	41.3	7.9	76.1
Jan 97	434.3	491.4	36.7	7.0	76.4
Feb 97	435.9	491.2	38.4	7.3	76.5
Mar 97	433.0	490.2	37.4	7.1	76.1
Apr 97	434.6	490.4	36.2	6.9	75.8
May 97	436.1	492.0	37.2	7.0	76.1
Females					
Jul 96	197.3	360.9	29.1	7.5	56.5
Aug 96	201.4	367.9	28.6	7.2	57.4
Sep 96	200.1	365.3	27.3	7.0	56.7
Oct 96	194.3	360.8	27.4	7.1	55.9
Nov 96	195.3	364.0	27.8	7.1	56.3
Dec 96	197.6	366.5	29.6	7.5	56.8
Jan 97	194.8	364.5	33.4	8.4	57.0
Feb 97	189.7	366.5	32.3	8.1	57.0
Mar 97	187.8	359.4	31.6	8.1	55.8
Apr 97	191.7	356.8	31.5	8.1	55.4
May 97	191.7	355.9	26.2	6.9	54.4
Persons					
Jul 96	629.3	842.3	69.8	7.6	66.4
Aug 96	627.6	849.2	71.9	7.8	66.9
Sep 96	626.1	845.7	69.2	7.6	66.3
Oct 96	624.6	844.8	70.2	7.7	66.2
Nov 96	625.2	844.3	69.7	7.6	66.0
Dec 96	626.0	850.2	70.9	7.7	66.4
Jan 97	629.1	855.9	70.1	7.6	66.7
Feb 97	625.6	857.7	70.8	7.6	66.7
Mar 97	620.8	849.6	69.0	7.5	65.9
Apr 97	626.3	847.3	67.8	7.4	65.5
May 97	627.8	847.9	63.5	7.0	65.2

Reference : The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 7.0% in May 1997.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed decreased by 4,300 to 63,500 while the number of persons employed increased by 600 to 847,900.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for May 1997 decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 65.2% and continues to be the highest of all the States.

3.2

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Trend

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Jul 96					
Jul 96	427.5	479.9	42.1	8.1	76.4
Aug 96	427.7	480.5	42.4	8.1	76.4
Sep 96	428.1	481.2	42.5	8.1	76.3
Oct 96	428.8	482.3	42.1	8.0	76.3
Nov 96r	429.8	483.8	41.3	7.9	76.3
Dec 96r	431.1	485.7	40.2	7.6	76.2
Jan 97r	432.5	487.7	39.1	7.4	76.2
Feb 97r	433.6	489.4	38.1	7.2	76.2
Mar 97r	434.5	490.7	37.3	7.1	76.2
Apr 97r	435.2	491.7	36.7	7.0	76.1
May 97	435.8	492.5	36.4	6.9	76.0
Females					
Jul 96					
Jul 96	197.5	360.5	28.1	7.2	56.3
Aug 96	198.1	362.7	28.1	7.2	56.5
Sep 96	198.3	364.4	28.1	7.1	56.6
Oct 96	197.8	365.1	28.3	7.2	56.7
Nov 96r	196.5	365.3	29.1	7.4	56.7
Dec 96r	194.8	364.9	30.2	7.6	56.7
Jan 97r	193.2	364.0	31.1	7.9	56.6
Feb 97r	192.0	362.7	31.4	8.0	56.4
Mar 97r	191.0	361.0	31.2	8.0	56.0
Apr 97r	190.4	359.1	30.7	7.9	55.6
May 97	189.9	357.1	29.9	7.7	55.1
Persons					
Jul 96					
Jul 96	624.9	840.4	70.2	7.7	66.3
Aug 96	625.8	843.2	70.5	7.7	66.4
Sep 96	626.5	845.5	70.5	7.7	66.4
Oct 96	626.6	847.4	70.4	7.7	66.4
Nov 96r	626.3	849.1	70.4	7.7	66.4
Dec 96r	625.9	850.7	70.4	7.6	66.4
Jan 97r	625.7	851.7	70.1	7.6	66.4
Feb 97r	625.6	852.2	69.5	7.5	66.2
Mar 97r	625.5	851.7	68.5	7.4	66.0
Apr 97r	625.6	850.8	67.4	7.3	65.8
May 97	625.7	849.5	66.3	7.2	65.5

Reference: Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.2

Trend estimates for November 1996 to April 1997 have been revised.

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.2%.

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3.4

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

WORKERS INVOLVED

	Number of Disputes	Directly	Indirectly	Total	Working days lost
	Number	'000	'000	'000	'000
Calendar Year					
1993	111	27.4	0.2	27.6	29.5
1994	82	15.7	0.2	15.9	27.4
1995	70	99.7	0.0	99.7	101.6
Months					
Dec 95	3	0.4	—	0.4	0.2
Jan 96	4	1.5	—	1.5	12.4
Feb 96	9	4.0	—	4.0	3.9
Mar 96	3	0.9	—	0.9	1.0
Apr 96	5	1.1	—	1.1	1.4
May 96	8	10.0	—	10.0	9.9
Jun 96	1	4.4	—	4.4	4.4
Jul 96	4	2.1	—	2.1	1.8
Aug 96	6	10.2	—	10.2	8.5
Sep 96	6	3.0	—	3.0	1.6
Oct 96	6	3.0	—	3.3	1.7
Nov 96	8	1.3	—	1.3	0.9
Dec 96	2	159.0	—	159.0	43.0
Jan 97	4	1 332.0	106.0	1 438.0	15 487.0
Feb 97	5	1 286.0	—	1 286.0	2 386.0

Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished ABS Data

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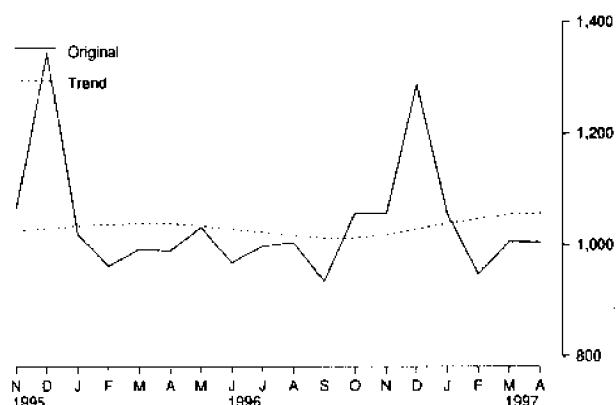
MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER: Original

	Food	Department stores	Clothing and soft goods	Other household goods	Recreational goods
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Apr 96	423.7	91.6	62.5	102.1	55.9
May 96	436.6	99.9	69.6	108.3	57.5
Jun 96	400.6	90.3	67.5	108.0	50.5
Jul 96	420.5	93.6	64.7	127.7	53.4
Aug 96	431.1	94.2	60.7	130.6	52.1
Sep 96	406.6	82.2	55.9	111.5	51.2
Oct 96	445.0	101.3	68.4	138.8	56.6
Nov 96	442.0	109.6	67.0	138.2	53.0
Dec 96	501.1	176.8	88.1	163.7	68.2
Jan 97	468.6	86.4	62.2	145.7	51.1
Feb 97	422.1	76.2	48.3	127.6	46.9
Mar 97	459.6	89.1	54.5	125.7	47.8
Apr 97	420.6	88.5	57.1	137.3	56.2

	Hospitality and services	Other	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimates
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Apr 96	164.6	89.6	990.0	1 034.5	1 037.7
May 96	162.3	98.4	1 032.6	1 037.7	1 034.2
Jun 96	158.5	92.6	968.0	1 026.3	1 029.3
Jul 96	150.6	88.5	999.0	1 018.0	1 023.2
Aug 96	151.8	84.0	1 004.5	1 049.7	1 016.8
Sep 96	146.5	81.0	934.9	969.3	1 012.7
Oct 96	154.3	94.6	1 058.0	1 035.0	1 013.5
Nov 96	153.3	94.3	1 057.4	1 017.1	1 019.6
Dec 96	168.4	121.1	1 287.4	994.5	1 029.1
Jan 97	156.6	83.8	1 054.4	1 066.0	1 039.3
Feb 97	143.8	82.8	947.7	1 064.5	1 048.0
Mar 97	152.6	77.5	1 006.8	1 054.7	1 055.7
Apr 97	155.2	91.5	1 006.4	1 040.4	1 057.7

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

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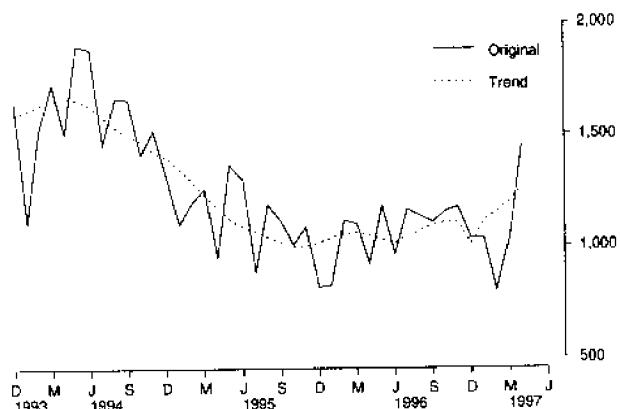
NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	HOUSES..	OTHER RESIDENTIAL		TOTAL (a).....			
		BUILDINGS.....					
		Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value		
		No.	\$m	No.	\$m	No.	\$m
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Financial years							
1993-94	19 437	1 503.7	7 144	461.0	26 776	1 964.7	
1994-95	16 207	1 354.3	6 105	420.3	22 427	1 774.6	
1995-96	12 211	1 148.3	3 527	272.3	15 853	1 420.7	
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Months							
Feb 96	1 115	105.1	342	25.5	1 482	130.6	
Mar 96	1 101	104.5	362	33.7	1 501	138.2	
Apr 96	922	90.9	244	17.3	1 169	108.1	
May 96	1 183	114.3	227	15.0	1 420	129.2	
Jun 96	966	94.0	227	15.3	1 195	109.3	
Jul 96	1 165	107.3	166	10.9	1 336	118.2	
Aug 96	1 134	110.4	136	11.1	1 277	121.4	
Sep 96	1 108	108.2	127	9.0	1 245	117.2	
Oct 96	1 157	111.0	204	15.9	1 376	126.9	
Nov 96	1 175	112.6	187	15.2	1 366	127.8	
Dec 96	1 035	102.4	194	18.1	1 242	120.5	
Jan 97	1 034	103.4	135	15.6	1 182	119.0	
Feb 97	803	80.2	238	21.1	1 047	101.3	
Mar 97	1 039	108.7	165	17.1	1 216	125.8	
Apr 97	1 456	143.8	163	15.4	1 626	159.2	

(a) Includes conversions.

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

NEW HOUSES APPROVED, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact Phil Smythe on (08) 9360 5180.

5.2

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	Private \$m	Public \$m	Total \$m
Financial Years			
1993-94			
1993-94	513.1	153.9	667.0
1994-95	580.9	147.3	728.2
1995-96	692.0	111.1	803.1
Months			
Feb 96	41.3	7.3	48.6
Mar 96	35.5	21.4	56.9
Apr 96	60.8	5.7	66.5
May 96	103.4	14.0	117.4
Jun 96	62.1	10.0	72.1
Jul 96	63.9	8.7	72.6
Aug 96	71.7	61.7	133.4
Sep 96	74.1	17.8	91.9
Oct 96	114.6	26.4	141.0
Nov 96	54.9	110.1	165.0
Dec 96	39.0	7.4	46.4
Jan 97	31.7	35.0	66.7
Feb 97	73.6	44.2	117.8
Mar 97	68.3	22.1	90.4
Apr 97	72.7	6.1	78.8

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

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5.3

SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

	Materials used in house building	Established homes	Project homes
Financial Years			
1993-94			
1993-94	109.1	104.7	96.2
1994-95	112.7	109.0	100.0
1995-96	114.7	108.2	101.6
Quarters			
Dec 95	114.9	108.3	101.6
Mar 96	114.6	107.5	101.3
Jun 96	114.6	108.2	101.4
Sep 96	115.0	108.0	101.5
Dec 96	115.0	107.5	101.4
Mar 97	115.3	110.4	101.2

Base of each index 1989-90 = 100.0

References: Price Index of Materials used in House Building (6408.0);
House Price Indexes (6416.0)

5.4

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, PERTH

SPECIAL SERIES.....

	All Groups	Electrical materials	Mechanical services	Plumbing
Financial years				
1993-94	107.1	101.9	104.2	105.1
1994-95	110.1	107.3	106.8	114.4
1995-96	113.2	113.0	112.3	120.1
Months				
Feb 96	113.4	112.5	112.9	120.0
Mar 96	113.4	112.8	113.4	119.7
Apr 96	113.5	113.5	114.4	118.9
May 96	113.6	114.0	114.5	120.3
Jun 96	113.5	113.9	114.6	120.4
Jul 96	113.9	112.6	114.3	117.3
Aug 96	114.0	110.3	114.1	117.4
Sep 96	114.2	110.2	113.5	117.9
Oct 96	114.3	110.2	113.8	117.0
Nov 96	114.1	109.4	112.6	117.4
Dec 96	114.4	109.6	112.7	119.0
Jan 97 p	114.6	110.3	113.3	119.1
Feb 97 p	115.1	110.3	113.4	120.1
Mar 97 p	115.1	111.5	112.9	120.5
Apr 97 p	115.3	111.1	113.0	121.1

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS.....

	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Structural steel	Aluminium windows
Financial years					
1993-94	110.6	113.9	116.6	100.4	104.4
1994-95	110.6	118.0	117.8	103.6	112.4
1995-96	109.3	120.7	115.0	107.5	118.1
Months					
Feb 96	109.1	120.2	114.1	108.2	118.2
Mar 96	109.1	120.2	114.1	108.2	118.2
Apr 96	108.6	120.2	114.7	108.2	118.2
May 96	108.6	123.4	114.7	108.8	118.2
Jun 96	108.6	123.4	114.7	108.8	116.4
Jul 96	108.6	123.4	119.8	108.8	116.4
Aug 96	105.9	123.4	119.5	109.7	116.4
Sep 96	105.9	123.6	119.4	111.2	116.4
Oct 96	105.7	123.6	119.4	111.2	116.4
Nov 96	105.6	123.6	119.6	113.4	116.4
Dec 96	105.6	123.6	119.6	115.7	116.4
Jan 97 p	105.6	123.6	119.6	116.0	116.4
Feb 97 p	107.4	123.6	121.8	116.1	116.4
Mar 97 p	107.6	123.6	121.7	116.1	116.4
Apr 97 p	107.5	123.6	120.9	116.1	118.8

Base of each index 1989-90 = 100.0

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building (6407.0)

6.1

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

	CATTLE.....			OTHER.....			
	Bulls, bullocks, steers	Cows, heifers	Total (excluding calves)	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
Financial Years							
1993-94	271	168	439	4	2 952	1 553	550
1994-95	244	186	430	4	2 438	1 264	604
1995-96	218r	182r	400r	3	2 157r	1 392r	563
Months							
Feb 96	19r	22	41	-	186	102	46
Mar 96	17	16	33	-	184	123	48
Apr 96	15	12	28	-	174	128	46
May 96	16	13	29	-	197	155	51
Jun 96	15	11	26	-	158	131	44
Jul 96p	13	12	25	-	166	159	49
Aug 96p	14	15	29	-	186	137	44
Sep 96p	17	17	33	1	202	166	43
Oct 96p	20	20	40	-	235	218	39
Nov 96p	20	20	40	1	194	157	45
Dec 96p	21r	20	41r	-	186	129	47
Jan 97p	20	21	41	-	174	124	43
Feb 97p	17	21	38	-	172	157	46
Mar 97p	14r	18	33	-	171r	152r	50
Apr 97p	14	15	30	-	188	168	49

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

6.2

MEAT PRODUCED (a)(Tonnes Carcass Weight)

	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
Financial Years					
1993-94	101 513	296	61 731	24 936	32 423
1994-95	97 140	250	47 776	18 955	37 109
1995-96	94 859r	213r	43 435r	24 738r	35 341r
Months					
Mar 96	7 958	14	3 730	2 204	3 001
Apr 96	6 853	13	3 492	2 267	2 899
May 96	6 906	16	4 057	2 695	3 225
Jun 96	6 354	21	3 162	2 328	2 754
Jul 96p	5 731	23	3 299	2 698	2 892
Aug 96p	6 731	23	3 693	2 352	2 913
Sep 96p	7 907	29	3 956	2 834	2 991
Oct 96p	9 456	24	4 676	3 595	2 919
Nov 96p	9 416	25	3 928	2 644	3 165
Dec 96p	9 130r	26r	3 670	2 226	3 261
Jan 97p	9 291	23	3 404	2 161	3 095
Feb 97p	8 512	21	3 318	2 782	3 310
Mar 97p	7 389r	21	3 306r	2 700r	3 555
Apr 97p	6 662	17	3 592	2 901	3 528

(a) Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

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6.3

WOOL RECEIVALS(a) AND LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL BY BROKERS AND DEALERS.....			EXPORT OF LIVE SHEEP.....		
	Bales	Tonnes	Quantity 000	Gross Value \$'000	Gross Weight '000t
Financial Years					
1993-94	1 196 990	212 670	4 524.1	127 564	238.0
1994-95	972 837	172 575	3 871.4	127 974	193.3
1995-96	931 048	165 842	4 690.6	181 069	232.3
Months					
Feb 96	93 367	16 748	361.1	14 234	18.5
Mar 96	92 096	16 422	518.1	19 863	26.5
Apr 96	71 694	12 719	306.8	11 183	15.8
May 96	52 751	9 326	523.2	17 453	26.2
Jun 96	24 310	4 284	236.2	8 320	10.3
Jul 96	53 329	9 510	209.4	7 540	10.3
Aug 96	99 902	17 933	262.2	9 613	12.4
Sep 96	121 600	21 734	437.7	16 378	21.9
Oct 96	121 626	21 541	466.8	17 067	24.3
Nov 96	84 634	14 957	329.2	11 537	17.2
Dec 96	35 874r	6275r	274.3	9 372	13.9
Jan 97	63 073r	11 233r	354.4	12 425	19.2
Feb 97	84 541r	15 002r	368.8r	13 080r	18.9r
Mar 97	85 449	15 256	386.5r	13 379	19.1r
Apr 97	77 887	13 792	101.2	3 411	5.2

(a) Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers

Reference: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

6.4

ENERGY PRODUCTION

	Coal(a)	Electricity generated	Gas for distribution(b)	Crude oil(c)(d)	Natural gas(d)
	'000 tonnes	million kWh	million MJ	mega-litres	million m ³
Financial Years					
1993-94	5 151	15 755	172 432	7 639	13 659
1994-95	5 882	16 756	186 658	12 680	15 714
1995-96	5 897	17 422	181 710	9 676	16 766
Months					
Apr 96	413	1 366	15 305		
May 96	487	1 475	16 609		
Jun 96	569	1 456	16 614	4 204	4 208
Jul 96	379	1 523	17 292		
Aug 96	414	1 473	17 097		
Sep 96	469	1 379	15 454	4 187	4 115
Oct 96	517	1 412	15 558		
Nov 96	584	1 328	17 457		
Dec 96	446	1 401	17 883	n.y.a	n.y.a
Jan 97	448	1 463	17 659		
Feb 97	469	1 362	15 408		
Mar 97	561	1 331	17 201	n.y.a	n.y.a
Apr 97	407	n.a.	n.a.		

(a) Department of Minerals and Energy

(b) Available for issue through mains

(c) Includes condensate

(d) Source: Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics

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6.5

MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

	METALLIC MINERALS.....			NON-METALLIC MINERALS....		
	Base metals(a)	Gold	Other	Diamonds	Other	Total minerals
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years						
1993-94	63.3	310.2	31.5	46.6	2.1	453.7
1994-95	58.8	379.4	17.9	35.2	5.6	495.5
1995-96	89.0	367.8	6.9	33.8	6.0	519.5
Months						
Sep 95	16.6	90.4	4.5	9.7	2.4	124.9
Dec 95	17.5	100.0	4.8	7.4	1.1	128.9
Mar 96	21.8	83.9	n.a.	4.9	2.1	117.8
Jun 96	32.3	93.4	n.a.	11.7	1.6	147.0
Sep 96	23.6	120.2	0.8	8.8	1.4	162.8
Dec 96	20.1	147.9	n.a.	11.5	n.a.	187.7

(a) Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (8412.0)

6.6

MINERAL PRODUCTION

	Iron ore	Bauxite	Gold	Ilmenite	Nickel	Diamonds
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 carats
Financial Years						
1993-94	119 690	27 087	193 599	1 612	62	39 909
1994-95	132 742	26 852	187 280	1 631	94	43 591
1995-96	143 392	28 250	205 830	1 871	105	42 517
Months						
Jun 95	34 738	6 729	47 000	433	27	9 324
Sep 95	36 459	7 451	48 765	500	25	9 105
Dec 95	35 213	7 028	48 675	477	24	12 153
Mar 96	35 890	6 946	53 100	417	26	11 473
Jun 96	35 830	6 825	55 946	477	30	9 835
Sep 96	36 821	6 865	53 836	464	28	11 235

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

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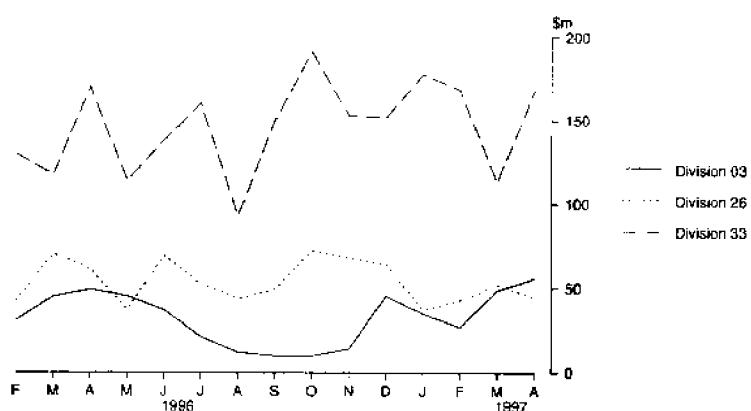
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IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	33 Petroleum, petroleum products, etc	71 Power generating equipment and machinery	72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	74 General industrial machinery and equipment	78 Road vehicles
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1993-94	678.4	189.7	432.2	254.0	690.0
1994-95	823.8	203.1	436.9	308.0	802.1
1995-96	768.9	356.1	510.3	345.7	794.5
Months					
Feb 96	72.8	85.5	41.8	36.4	53.8
Mar 96	74.2	13.5	39.6	28.7	60.0
Apr 96	56.4	25.6	41.9	27.8	62.5
May 96	69.9	26.5	46.6	32.2	74.6
Jun 96	47.6	23.0	38.5	27.2	72.1
Jul 96	115.1	46.2	34.0	25.8	70.7
Aug 96	92.7	40.2	46.3	29.8	74.3
Sep 96	39.2	20.0	31.9	26.3	63.0
Oct 96	107.3	27.5	33.0	29.7	81.0
Nov 96	66.2	26.3	49.0	31.7	73.2
Dec 96	126.6	28.3	217.8	27.8	66.6
Jan 97	109.8	24.7	49.4	50.4	61.3
Feb 97	118.0	13.9	45.3	35.7	57.4
Mar 97	36.2	16.3	59.5	36.5	63.4
Apr 97	44.4	18.6	55.9	64.9	66.7

Reference: Fastracs Trade Statistics

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: Fastracs Trade Statistics

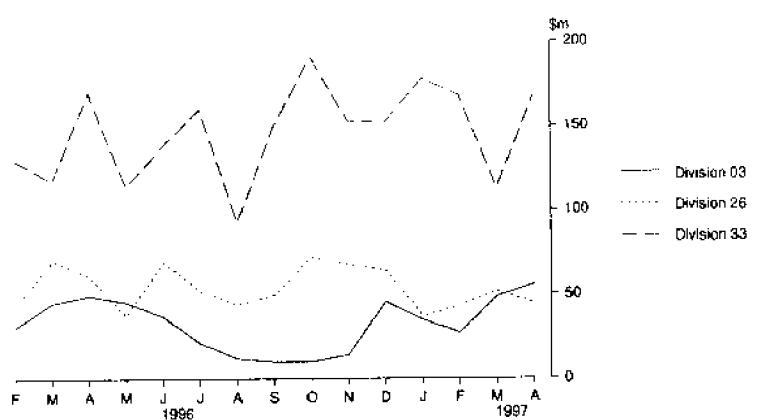
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EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc	04 Cereals and cereal preparations	26 Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric)	28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	33 Petroleum, petroleum products etc.
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1993-94	413.3	1 150.1	656.1	2 999.4	882.9
1994-95	408.6	1 154.3	733.8	3 094.0	1 544.4
1995-96	364.2	1 874.9	692.6	3 221.8	1 586.0
Months					
Feb 96	31.1	197.6	42.8	233.6	130.3
Mar 96	45.1	185.3	70.8	275.5	117.5
Apr 96	49.6	177.7	61.5	251.6	170.0
May 96	45.5	161.9	37.5	259.7	114.4
Jun 96	37.2	153.5	69.6	314.8	138.2
Jul 96	21.2	127.5	52.4	299.8	160.4
Aug 96	12.0	104.4	44.2	295.8	92.9
Sep 96	10.0	113.1	49.9	289.9	150.0
Oct 96	10.0	120.5	72.4	278.4	190.8
Nov 96	14.1	90.5	67.7	273.4	152.9
Dec 96	45.6	177.9	64.2	271.5	151.9
Jan 97	34.8	201.3	37.2	280.4	177.8
Feb 97	27.1	146.7	42.8	275.6	168.1
Mar 97	48.8	207.2	51.9	321.2	113.0
Apr 97	56.0	150.0	44.4	312.8	167.8

Reference: Fastracs Trade Statistics

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: Fastracs trade statistics

8.1

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(a)

	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....					PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION.....	
	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks and buses	Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters	Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters
Financial Years							
1993-94	48 589	10 350	2 136	61 075	2 103	47 604	1 470
1994-95	51 947	10 782	2 170	64 899	2 344	50 519	1 649
1995-96	51 134	10 838	2 315	64 287	2 440	49 743	1 647
Months							
Mar 96	4 718	995	174	5 887	201	4 498	126
Apr 96	4 109	804	145	5 058	230	3 882	164
May 96	4 889	1 139	204	6 232	198	4 979	135
Jun 96	4 590	1 199	223	6 012	157	4 546	116
Jul 96	4 580	895	201	5 676	174	4 483	107
Aug 96	4 728	839	177	5 744	216	4 623	133
Sep 96	4 392	748	177	5 317	183	4 331	111
Oct 96	5 209	874	196	6 279	238	4 977	165
Nov 96	4 656	819	186	5 661	368	4 455	287
Dec 96	4 861	859	181	5 901	228	4 584	159
Jan 97	4 436	802	129	5 367	196	4 222	136
Feb 97	4 760	989	186	5 935	205	4 587	126
Mar 97	4 167	874	161	5 202	213	3 966	153
Apr 97	4 670	960	221	5 851	188	4 478	115

(a) Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Excludes motor cycles.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

8.2

VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS(a)

	PASSENGER VEHICLES.....		OTHER VEHICLES.....		TOTAL.....	
	Original	Trend Estimate	Original	Trend Estimate	Original	Trend Estimate
Months						
Mar 96	4 718	4 435	1 169	1 119	5 887	5 554
Apr 96	4 109	4 544	949	1 131	5 058	5 675
May 96	4 889	4 616	1 343	1 142	6 232	5 758
Jun 96	4 590	4 647	1 422	1 145	6 012	5 792
Jul 96	4 580	4 643	1 096	1 132	5 676	5 775
Aug 96	4 728	4 635	1 016	1 108	5 744	5 743
Sep 96	4 392	4 655	925	1 077	5 317	5 732
Oct 96	5 209	4 686	1 070	1 044	6 279	5 730
Nov 96	4 656	4 712	1 005	1 036	5 661	5 733
Dec 96	4 861	4 729	1 040	1 082	5 901	5 747
Jan 97	4 436	4 744	931	1 082	5 367	5 759
Feb 97	4 760	4 763	1 175	1 115	5 935	5 814
Mar 97	4 167	4 683	1 035	1 145	5 202	5 806
Apr 97	4 670	4 800	1 181	1 173	5 851	5 973

(a) Excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

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	SELECTED INDUSTRY.....			TOTAL.....	
	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>Other selected industries</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
Financial Years					
1994-95	4 046	595	2 216	6 857	6 856
1995-96	4 199	958	2 422	7 579	7 576
Quarters					
Dec 95	1 173	174	760	2 107	1 797
Mar 96	915	205	542	1 663	1 917
Jun 96	1 064	379	558	2 001	1 992
Sep 96	888	155	479	1 522	1 580
Dec 96	1 058	155	556	1 770	1 524
Mar 97	1 070	138	311	1 519	1 775

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0)

9.2

STATE FINAL DEMAND AND PRODUCTION ACCOUNT TREND DATA AT CURRENT PRICES

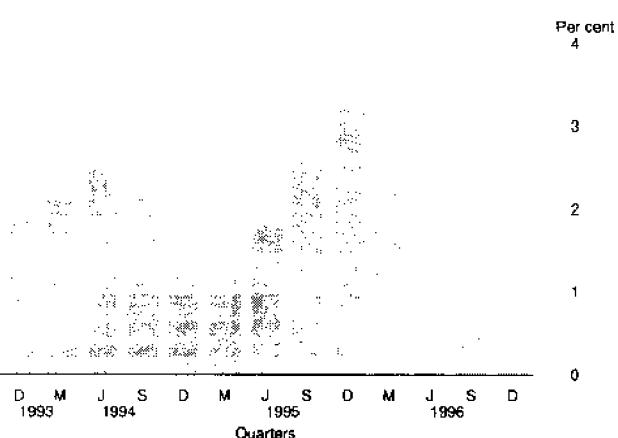
	Wages, salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus	Indirect taxes less subsidies	GSP (income based)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months				
Jun 94	5 083	5 113	1 299	11 495
Sep 94	5 136	5 288	1 323	11 747
Dec 94	5 215	5 396	1 312	11 923
Mar 95	5 319	5 503	1 304	12 126
Jun 95	5 405	5 599	1 335	12 339
Sep 95	5 501	5 752	1 405	12 658
Dec 95	5 609	5 989	1 472	13 070
Mar 96	5 709	6 165	1 487	13 361
Jun 96	5 791	6 226	1 466	13 483
Sep 96	5 860	6 239	1 446	13 545
Dec 96	5 920	6 244	1 437	13 601

Reference: State Accounts (5242.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 9.2

GSP grew by a modest 0.4% in the December quarter, continuing a pattern of declining growth evident over the previous three quarters. Growth through the year to December quarter 1996 was 4.1%. Wages, salaries and supplements grew by 1.0% in the December quarter to be 5.5% higher than in the same quarter of the previous year. Gross operating surplus increased by 0.1% in the December quarter following similarly weak growth in the September quarter. Modest growth of 4.3% was achieved through the year to December quarter 1996. Indirect taxes less subsidies fell in each of the last three quarters, with the December quarter declining by 0.6%. A fall of 2.4% was recorded through the year to December quarter 1996.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GSP(a) - TREND



(a) Gross State Product at current prices

Source: State Accounts (5242.0)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....

Indicator	Period	Unit	Current Australian Figure	Current figure	Change from last period (%)	Figure one year ago	Change from one year ago(%)
Population							
Estimated resident population	Dec qtr 96 p	'000	18 426.9	1 782.7	0.5	1 749.2	1.9
Natural increase	Dec qtr 96 p	No.	31 085	3 369	8.4	3 520	-4.3
Tourism							
<i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i>							
Guest arrivals	Dec qtr 96	'000	8 091.8	619.5	-2.5	594.9	4.1
Guest rooms available	Dec qtr 96	No.	173 876	15 996	3.9	14 924	7.2
Room occupancy rates	Dec qtr 96	%	59.9	60.3	-2.7	62.2	-3.1
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Short-term arrivals	Mar 97	No.	390 900	35 670	-9.4	31 010	15.0
Long-term arrivals	Mar 97	No.	6 490	590	-78.1	560	5.4
<i>Resident Departures</i>							
Short-term departures	Mar 97	No.	250 430	27 960	37.5	25 730	8.7
Long-term departures	Mar 97	No.	6 810	— 730	2.8	750	-2.7
Employment							
<i>Employed persons</i>							
Trend	—	'000	8 398.7	849.5	-0.2	833.8	1.9
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Looking for work (Trend)	May 97	'000	809.2	66.3	-1.6	769.3	-4.3
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Trend	—	%	63.3	65.5	-0.5	66.0	-0.8
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Trend	—	%	8.8	7.2	-1.4	7.7	-6.5
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i>							
Males	Nov 96	\$	774.40	804.80	-0.1	776.20	3.7
Females	Nov 96	\$	614.20	559.00	1.1	568.70	4.6
Persons	Nov 96	\$	716.90	728.70	0.3	702.90	3.7
Retail							
<i>Monthly retail turnover</i>							
Original	Apr 97	\$m	9 956.0	1 006.4	0.0	990.0	1.7
Trend estimate	Apr 97	\$m	10 435.0	1 057.7	0.2	1 037.7	1.9
Construction							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	Apr 97	No	11 924	1 626	33.7	1 169	-22.1
Value of all building	Apr 97	\$m	2 118.4	254.8	10.3	188.2	-10.4
<i>Housing Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Mar 97	Index No.	116.4	115.5	0.1	114.4	1.0
Established houses	Mar qtr 97	Index No.	115.3	110.4	2.7	107.5	2.7
Project homes	Mar qtr 97	Index No.	109.2	101.2	-0.2	101.3	-0.1
Mineral Exploration							
Gold	Dec qtr 96	\$m	201.9	147.9	23.0	100.0	47.9
Other minerals	Dec qtr 96	\$m	107.6	39.8	-6.6	28.9	37.7
Overseas Trade							
Imports	Apr 97	\$m	6 766.7	578.0	19.4	477.9	20.9
Exports	Apr 97	\$m	6 253.6	1 607.5	-6.8	1 626.4	-1.2
Transport							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	Apr 97	No.	48 013	4 670	12.1	4 109	13.7
Trend	Apr 97	No.	49 038	4 800	0.0	4 544	5.6
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	Apr 97	No.	57 156	5 851	12.5	5 058	15.7
Trend	Apr 97	No.	58 144	5 973	0.1	5 675	5.3
Finance							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Mar qtr 97	\$m	9 698	1 519	-14.2	1 663	-8.7
Seasonally adjusted	Mar qtr 97	\$m	10 860	1 775	16.5	1 917	-7.4
<i>Gross State Product (income based)</i>							
Current prices	Dec qtr 96	\$m	135 799	15 243	17.1	14 575	4.6
State Final Demand at average 1989-90 prices	Dec qtr 96	\$m	114 162	11 693	11.2	11 352	3.0

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